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FORMER DARTMOUTH STUDENT SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING FALSE ID'S

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Hanover Police Chief Nicholas Giaccone today announced that David Seidman, 21 of Lake Oswego, Oregon, was sentenced to one year of probation after pleading guilty to producing false identification documents while a student at Dartmouth College. The United States District Court also ordered Seidman to perform 25 hours of community service during the period of probation.

On May 14, 2003, Seidman waived indictment and entered a guilty plea to an Information charging him with one count of producing fake driver's licenses, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(1). The federal statute prohibits the production of false identification documents and includes driver's licenses within the definition of false identification documents.

The evidence established that Seidman produced more than 150 fake driver's licenses purporting to be from Florida, New Mexico and California. Each license sold for between \$80 to \$100. The licenses were marketed over the internet and were sold mostly to other students or other underage individuals. The licenses were produced through the use of computer software that created a template nearly identical to that used by the official issuers of the licenses.

The Hanover Police Department and the United States Secret Service investigated the case. This case was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.